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Applicant : Ravi Ganesan, et al.
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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir or Madam:

Responsive to the Notice of Allowability mailed on December 13, 2007, and the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, Applicants submit the following clarifying remarks. The Applicants believe that the Examiner's statements of reasons for allowance include paraphrasing of the allowed independent Claims 1, 12, 18, 22, and 23 that may include inadvertent errors and omissions. Such inaccurate paraphrasing may misstate and/or confuse particular aspects of the allowed claims.

Moreover, the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance emphasizes certain claim elements as not being disclosed in the prior art. However, such statements should not be construed as the only possible novel and non-obvious features of the Applicants' invention. The Applicants respectfully assert that the allowed claims may be considered novel and non-obvious over the cited prior art references for reasons other than those emphasized in the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

Comments on Reasons for Allowance

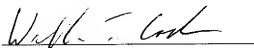
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Further, while the Applicants believe that the claims are allowable, the Applicants do not acquiesce that patentability resides in each feature, exactly as expressed in the claims, nor that each feature is required for patentability.

Respectfully submitted,

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